

**MATH 4510-001: Intro. to Probability Theory, Spring 2012**  
**MWF 11:00–11:50 AM, DUAN G2B41**  
**January 18, 2012 – May 4, 2012**

**General Information:**

**Instructor:** Dr. Michael D. Roy   **Office:** MATH 140  
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**Course Webpage:** <http://euclid.colorado.edu/~roymd/m4510/>

**Text:** Sheldon Ross, *A First Course in Probability*, 8th ed., Prentice Hall, 2010.

**Course Description:** Studies axioms, combinatorial analysis, independence and conditional probability, discrete and absolutely continuous distributions, expectation and distribution of functions of random variables, laws of large numbers, central limit theorems, and simple Markov chains. Prereqs., MATH 2400, or APPM 2350, and MATH 3130. Credit not granted for this course and APPM 3570, ECEN 3810, or MATH 3510.

**Material Covered:** This course will cover most of chapters 1–8. A tentative schedule of when each section will be covered is available on the course webpage. I suggest that you read the material in your textbook before we cover it in class.

**Grading Scheme:**

You will be graded on your written work, which will be judged on the basis of *correctness*, *completeness*, and *legibility*. Your final grade will be determined as follows:

Homework:	25%
Midterm exams:	20% each
Final exam:	35%

**Homework:** Homework will be assigned weekly. The assignments will be given in class and also posted on the course webpage. They will typically be due the following week. Homework will be accepted late with no penalty if you talk to me before the due date or if you have a documented excuse. Otherwise, late homework will be accepted for half credit for up to one week after the due date. No homework will be accepted more than one week after the due date. You are welcome to discuss the homework problems with each other and with me. However, you should try the problems on your own and you must write up your own solutions.

**Exams:** There will be two in-class midterm exams (Feb. 17 and Mar. 23), held at the normal class location and time. The final exam will be on Thurs., May 10 from 7:30 am to 10:00 am.

**Getting Help:** In addition to my office hours and e-mail contact, note that the Mathematics Department runs the “Undergraduate Mathematics Resource Center,” where graduate students are on staff to answer your questions. It is located in Math 175 and open 9–5 on Monday–Thursday and 9–2 on Friday.

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